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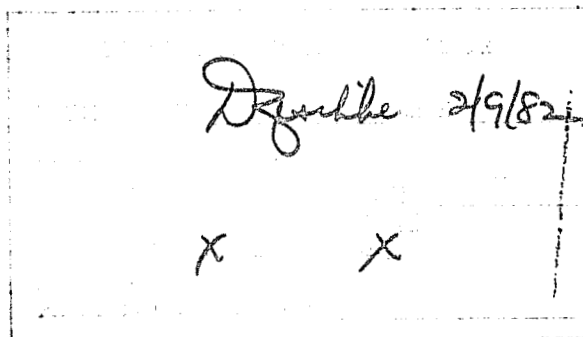
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Although admittedly based on conflicting press reports general feeling among Latin American diplomats one of extreme pessimism concerning developments in Guatemala. Lack of substantial progress by Castillo Armas and no evidence of uprisings against government have led to belief movement may well fail and that subsequently Honduras already jeopardized by continuation of strikes would be attacked by Guatemala. European diplomats feel that if Arbenz government successful in stifling insurrection it will not have to invade other Central American countries as they will each fall one by one through Communist penetration.

Foreign Office has received report of massacre within last 2 days near Amatitlan of 13 landowners. Fear expressed further excesses.

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